

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - "Coaching to SC Students for Eligibility Tests such as TOEFL/IELTS and GRE/GMAT and other for Admissions in Foreign Universities" for implementation from the year 2013-14 - Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (EDN.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms .No.55

Dated:29-06-2013

Read the following:-

1. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, AP, Hyd. Letter No.D(3)/3065/2013, dated 11-06-2013.
2. G.O.Ms.No.10, Planning (XXII) Dept., dated 23-02-2013.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of Nodal Agency dated 13-03-2013 & 04-05-2013.
4. Minutes of the Meeting of State Council dated 26-02-2013 & 21-05-2013.

ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh have taken a policy decision to provide financial assistance to SC students desirous of pursuing higher studies in Foreign Countries, separate orders have been issued for this purpose. To seek admission in reputed foreign universities, students have to obtain good scores in tests of English proficiency such as TOEFL & IELTS and in General Aptitude Tests such as GRE / GMAT or equivalent qualifying examinations for pursuing admissions into various Post Graduate Courses in reputed foreign universities.

2. Most of the SC students, due to their extreme backwardness, poor knowledge of English and other disabilities are often unable to perform up to the mark in the above said qualifying exams. Therefore, with a view to equip the students with requisite skills by providing them the benefit of coaching for the above exams, the Social Welfare Department has proposed to facilitate coaching in TOEFL / IELTS / GRE / GMAT etc., in the existing & reputed coaching institutions to make possible admission of SC students in professional courses like Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy etc Nursing and for PG Courses in Pure Sciences, Humanities, Social Studies etc., in reputed foreign universities by obtaining higher scores in the above said examinations.

3. The proposal to enable students to upgrade their skills to appear for the eligibility test for Foreign Universities was placed before the Nodal agencies for SCSP & TSP during their meetings held on 13-03-2013 & 04-05-2013 respectively and was recommended for inclusion under SCSP 2013-14 by the State Council. The State Council for the Development of SCs & STs has approved the proposal in its meeting held on 21-5-2013.

4. In pursuance of the approval of the proposal by the State Council the scheme of Coaching to SC Students for eligibility tests such as TOEFL/IELTS and GRE/GMAT or other equivalent examinations for seeking admissions to Post Graduate Courses in reputed Foreign Universities, is hereby approved for implementation as a new scheme for the benefit of SCs under the SCSP plan from the year 2013-14 subject to the following guidelines:

Eligibility: SC Graduates or final year students at Graduation level whose family income is less than Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES:

I. Selection of Coaching Institutes under the scheme:

- a) A Notification for short listing institutions to impart training to SC students shall be issued in April/May calling for applications from reputed institutes from Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Warangal having experience in training for GRE/TOFEL/GMAT/IELTS coaching.
- b) Institutes shall apply online by May 15th of the year in a prescribed format with details of Name & Address, Registration Number, details of courses offered, infrastructure and faculty available, capacity, achievements, Bank Account number, etc.
- c) A State Level Committee with following members shall shortlist the applications by May 31st of the year. The State Level Committee shall allot a fixed number of seats to the selected institutes.

Commissioner of Social Welfare	Chairman
Secretary, APSW Residential Educational Institutions Society	Member
MD, AP SC Co-Operative Finance Corpn.	Member
Representative from the A.P. State Council of Higher Education.	Member
Additional Director, Social Welfare	Convenor

- d) There shall be automated selection of the students and allotment to the institute of their choice on merit basis by giving due weightage to marks obtained in SSC, Intermediate & Graduation.
- e) The duration of training shall vary from 60 hours to 100 hours based on the course of study.
- f) Standardised Course material shall be made available to the candidates sponsored by Social Welfare Department.
- g) The Institute shall forward the scores obtained by the students in the respective exams.
- h) Online test facility shall be made available to the Candidates sponsored by Social Welfare Department.

II. Selection of Candidates under the Scheme:

- a) Notification calling for applications from desirous SC students shall be issued twice in a year, June and October of the year mentioning the institutes selected and courses offered.
- b) The scheme is open to all SC students whose annual family income is less than 2.00 lakhs per year.
- c) The interested students shall apply online by June 30th of the year for the 1st session and by October 30th of the year for the 2nd session, in a prescribed application form indicating his preference for the institute in which he wants to undergo training.
- d) The course for the 1st session shall commence from July 1st of the year and the 2nd session shall commence from November 1st of the year.
- e) Application by Students: All student shall apply online with scanned copies of the following documents:
 - Caste Certificate from MeeSeva.
 - Income Certificate from MeeSeva.
 - SSC Certificate.
 - Date of Birth certificate.
 - Degree Certificate / Bonafide certificate showing proof of study in Degree final year.
 - Aadhar card.

III Fees payable under the Scheme:

- a) The following rates per student are fixed as the upper limit for the various coaching programmes.

Course	Maximum rate fixed per student	Minimum No. of hours of coaching to be imparted
GRE	Rs.9,000/-	100 hrs
GMAT	Rs.23,000/-	100 hrs
TOEFL	Rs.5,000/-	60 hrs
IELTS	Rs.4,200/-	60 hrs

Fee reimbursed to the institutes shall be as indicated above or the actual fee charged by the institute for the respective course whichever is less. 50% shall be paid as first instalment on completion of 50 hours of training and the remaining 50% shall be released on completion of 100 hours of training.

- b) Attendance of the student shall be maintained by the institute and is mandatory for claiming coaching charges by the institute.
- c) The training programme shall include the following components:
 - Classroom coaching by trained faculty.
 - Audio/Visual training
 - Standard coaching material to be made available to the students.
 - Individual evaluation of students' skill to be maintained.
 - Certificate to be given at the end of the training.
 - Online Test facility.
- d) The charges for training shall be released through online transactions by respective District Officers to the Bank Accounts of the institutes.

- e) The Center for Good Governance shall ensure that the complete workflow of the above scheme is enabled online in the ePASS scholarship system. The enrolment of institutes, the application by Students and disbursement shall be fully administered online by the respective JD/DD Social Welfare of the District.
- f) The expenditure under the scheme shall be debited to the following head of account.

"2225-Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs
80-Welfare of SCs.,
MH-800-Other Expenditure,
GH(11)-Normal State Plan
SH (28) Skill Upgradaton for Professional Graduates
310- - Grants – in- Aid
312 Other Grants – in – Aid"

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.SW) Dept., vide their UO No.61/A2/ESW/2013, dated 14-06-2013.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Social Welfare, AP, Hyd.
The Director-General, Centre for Good Governance, Hyd.
The Deputy Director (PMU), o/o CSW, AP, Hyd.
The Secretary, APSW Residential Educational Institutions Society
MD, AP SC Co-Operative Finance Corpn.
Representative from the A.P. State Council of Higher Education.
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The PS to Principal Secretary (SW)
The PS to Special Secretary to CM.
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